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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the final issue of the *American Journal of Cardiovascular Drugs* for 2021.

I wish to reflect on this year's achievements, and to thank all those who have contributed their time and effort to guarantee the quality of the content published in the journal.

In 2021, over 60 articles have been published. The most popular of these in terms of downloads from SpringerLink have been:

- Angoulvant D, Sabouret P, Savage MP. NSTE-ACS ESC Guidelines Recommend Prasugrel as the Preferred P2Y12 Inhibitor: A Contrarian View. *Am J Cardiovasc Drugs* 21, 483–486 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40256-021-00471-z>.
- Ashton V, Mudarris L, Moore KT. The Pharmacology, Efficacy, and Safety of Rivaroxaban in Obese Patient Populations. *Am J Cardiovasc Drugs* 21, 283–297 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40256-020-00434-w>.
- Galo J, Celli D, Colombo R. Effect of Sacubitril/Valsartan on Neurocognitive Function: Current Status and Future Directions. *Am J Cardiovasc Drugs* 21, 267–270 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40256-020-00445-7>.
- Vong C, Boucher M, Riley S, et al. Modeling of Survival and Frequency of Cardiovascular-Related Hospitalization in Patients with Transthyretin Amyloid Cardiomyopathy Treated with Tafamidis. *Am J Cardiovasc Drugs* 21, 535–543 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40256-021-00464-y>.
- Jensen IS, Wu E, Cyr PL, et al. Cost-Consequence Analysis of Using Cangrelor in High Angiographic Risk Percutaneous Coronary Intervention Patients: A US Hospital Perspective. *Am J Cardiovasc Drugs* (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40256-021-00491-9>.
- Veeranki SP, Xiao Z, Levorsen A, et al. Real-World Comparative Effectiveness and Cost Comparison of Thromboprophylactic Use of Enoxaparin versus Unfractionated Heparin in 376,858 Medically Ill Hospitalized US Patients. *Am J Cardiovasc Drugs* 21, 443–452 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40256-020-00456-4>.

Social media sharing and other online mentions of information are other metrics with which to measure the reach of articles. This year the following articles published in the *American Journal of Cardiovascular Drugs* scored highly on the Altmetric system:

- Angoulvant D, Sabouret P, Savage MP. NSTE-ACS ESC Guidelines Recommend Prasugrel as the Preferred P2Y12 Inhibitor: A Contrarian View. *Am J Cardiovasc Drugs* 21, 483–486 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40256-021-00471-z>
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- Ali S, Jung S, Nandkeolyar S, et al. Inpatient Diuretic Management of Acute Heart Failure: A Practical Review. *Am J Cardiovasc Drugs* (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40256-020-00463-5>
- Ullah W, Haq S, Zahid S, et al. Safety and Efficacy of Colchicine in Patients with Stable CAD and ACS: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis. *Am J Cardiovasc Drugs* (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40256-021-00485-7>
- Wiethorn EE, Bell CM, Wiggins BS. Effectiveness and Safety of Direct Oral Anticoagulants in Patients with Nonvalvular Atrial Fibrillation and Weighing ≥ 120 Kilograms versus 60–120 Kilograms. *Am J Cardiovasc Drugs* 21, 545–551 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40256-021-00470-0>

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The COVID-19 pandemic has continued to present many challenges and I would like to thank all who have contributed to ensuring the journal has thrived despite the ongoing issues.

I would like to start by thanking the authors of the articles published in the *American Journal of Cardiovascular Drugs* over the course of 2021. The enthusiasm of all authors for their chosen fields and their willingness to contribute content to the journal are crucial for its continued success.

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- Hernandez I, Tadrous M, Magnani JW, et al. Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Global Anticoagulant Sales: A Cross-Sectional Analysis Across 39 Countries. *Am J Cardiovasc Drugs* 21, 581–583 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40256-021-00475-9>.
- Kow CS, Hasan SS. The Association Between the Use of Statins and Clinical Outcomes in Patients with COVID-19: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis. *Am J Cardiovasc Drugs* (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40256-021-00490-w>.
- Kaesemeyer W, Suvorava T. Treating Acute Decompensated Heart Failure in Patients with COVID-19 Using Intravenous Nitroglycerin in 5% Glutathione. *Am J Cardiovasc Drugs* (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40256-021-00474-w>.

In terms of other important company initiatives, the Springer Nature ‘Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Programme’ is aiming to connect researchers who are tackling the world’s toughest challenges with practitioners in policy and business, while the ‘Women in Science’ initiative aims to help empower more women scientists to achieve scientific excellence. Finally, I am delighted to inform you that Springer Nature is now carbon neutral for its direct operations (offices, fleet and flights) and earlier this year signed The Climate Pledge, making a commitment to be Net Zero carbon by 2040.

Returning to the *American Journal of Cardiovascular Drugs*, the editorial program for 2022 is well under way, and I am looking forward to bringing you many high-quality and authoritative articles in the field of cardiovascular therapy over the coming year.

I thank you for your continued support.

With best wishes,

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